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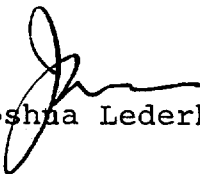
Dear Mr. Tisch:

I was delighted to see Tom Ehrlich's name in a headline that indicated that he was on your short list of candidates for the Presidency of New York University. I do not know Mr. Brademas and so I have neither the full information nor the presumption to advise you on a choice between them. However, I do know Tom Ehrlich very well, having been a neighbor and colleague at Stanford, and wish to give you my own reassurance that you could not possibly go wrong were he to be your choice.

Tom has a rare combination of analytical scholarship, commitment to public service, human sensitivity and the ability to communicate -- all of which are prerequisites for the role of a university presidency. He would bring both effective management and luster to your university; and I would certainly be eager to welcome him to an academic community which, as never before, requires a cooperative outlook in meeting shared aims and objectives in this metropolis.

In any event my heartiest good wishes to the University, which every day is establishing itself ever more firmly as an indispensable element of higher education in the city, the state, and the nation.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg